CLAIMS

1. A camera control system capable of selectively controlling an image pickup direction of at least one camera connected to said camera control system through a network, said camera control system comprising:

map display means for displaying a map;
first camera index display means for displaying
a first camera index indicative of a position of the
camera in a state of being superimposed on the map
displayed by said map display means; and

second camera index display means for displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed by said first camera index display means.

- 2. A camera control system according to claim 1, further comprising control means for, in response to designating the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display means, enabling the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index, to be controlled.
- 3. A camera control system according to claim 1, wherein said second camera index display means is arranged to display the second camera index in response to designating the first camera index.

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- 4. A camera control system according to claim 1, wherein the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display means is an icon, and indicates the state of the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to said icon.
- 5. A damera control system according to claim 2, further comprising tilting direction display means for, in response to designating the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display means, displaying information on the current tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index.
- 6. A camera control system according to claim 5, further comprising allowable range display means for displaying information on a controllable range in the tilting direction of the camera as well as information on the current tilting direction of the camera displayed by said tilting direction display means.
- 7. A camera control system according to claim 6, wherein said allowable range display means is arranged to display information on the controllable range of the camera by using a scroll bar, and said tilting direction display means is arranged to display on the scroll bar an index indicative of a current image pickup direction of the camera.

8. A camera control system according to claim 7, wherein said control means is arranged to enable the tilting direction of the camera to be controlled in response to designating and moving the index displayed by said tilting direction display means.

- 9. A camera control system according to claim 8, wherein the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display means indicates the tilting direction of the camera in association with movement of the index displayed by said tilting direction display means.
- output means for outputting, to a terminal comprising: output means for outputting, to a terminal having map display means for displaying a map, first camera index display means for displaying a first camera index indicative of a position of the camera in a state of being superimposed on the map displayed by said map display means and second camera index display means for displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed by said first camera index display means, information on the state of the tilting direction of the camera so as to display the second camera index, via a network.

A control method for a camera control system

 capable of selectively controlling an image pickup direction of at least one camera connected to said camera control system through a network, said control method comprising:

a map display step of displaying a map;

a first camera index display step of displaying a first camera index indicative of a position of the camera in a state of being superimposed on the map displayed by said map display step; and

a second camera index display step of displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed by said first camera index display step.

12. A control method according to claim 11, further comprising a control step of, in response to designating the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display step, enabling the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index, to be controlled.

- 13. A control method according to claim 11, wherein said second camera index display step is arranged to display the second camera index in response to designating the first camera index.
 - 14. A control method according to claim 11, wherein

the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display step is an icon, and indicates the state of the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to said icon.

- 15. A control method according to claim 12, further comprising a tilting direction display step of, in response to designating the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display step, displaying information on the current tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index.
- 16. A control method according to claim 15, further comprising an allowable range display step of displaying information on a controllable range in the tilting direction of the camera as well as information on the current tilting direction of the camera displayed by said tilting direction display step.
- 17. A control method according to claim 16, wherein said allowable range display step is arranged to display information on the controllable range of the camera by using a scroll bar, and said tilting direction display step is arranged to display on the scroll bar an index indicative of a current image pickup direction of the camera.
 - 18. A control method according to claim 17, wherein

said control step is arranged to enable the tilting direction of the camera to be controlled in response to designating and moving the index displayed by said tilting direction display step.

- 19. A control method according to claim 18, wherein the second camera index displayed by said second camera index display step indicates the tilting direction of the camera in association with movement of the index displayed by said tilting direction display step.
- 20. A control method for an information processing terminal, said control method comprising:

having map display means for displaying a map, first camera index display means for displaying a first camera index indicative of a position of the camera in a state of being superimposed on the map displayed by said map display means and second camera index display means for displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed by said first camera index display means, information on the state of the tilting direction of the camera so as to display the second camera index, via a network.

21. A storage medium which stores therein a program for operating functions of a camera control system

direction of at least one camera connected to the camera control system through a network, said program comprising processes of

displaying a map;

displaying a first camera index indicative of a position of the camera in a state of being superimposed on the map displayed; and

displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed.

22. A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said program further comprises a process of, in response to designating the second camera index displayed, enabling the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index, to be controlled.

- 23. A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said program further comprises a process of displaying the second camera index in response to designating the first camera index.
- 24. A storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said program further comprises a process of causing the displayed second camera index to indicate the tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the second

camera index.

- 25. A storage medium according to claim 24, wherein said program further comprises a process of, in response to designating the second camera index, displaying information on the current tilting direction of a camera which corresponds to the designated second camera index.
- 26. A storage medium according to claim 25, wherein said program further comprises a process of displaying information on a controllable range in the tilting direction of the camera as well as information on the current tilting direction of the camera displayed.
- 27. A storage medium according to claim 26, wherein said program further comprises processes of displaying the controllable range of the camera by using a scroll bar and of displaying on the scroll bar an index indicative of a current image pickup direction of the camera.
- 28. A storage medium according to claim 27, wherein said program further comprises a process of enabling the tilting direction of the camera to be controlled in response to designating and moving the index displayed on the scroll bar.
 - 29. A storage medium according to claim 28, wherein

said program further comprises a process of causing the second camera index displayed to indicate the tilting direction of the camera in association with movement of the index displayed on the scroll bar.

30. A storage medium which stores therein a program for operating functions of an information processing terminal, said program comprising a process of:

means for displaying a map, first camera index display means for displaying a first camera index indicative of a position of the camera in a state of being superimposed on the map displayed by said map display means and second camera index display means for displaying a second camera index display means for displaying a second camera index indicative of a state of a current tilting direction of the camera in relation to the first camera index displayed by said first camera index display means, information on the state of the tilting direction of the camera so as to display the second camera index, via a network.